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SUBJ: WORKING GROUP ON COMMUNICATIONS: SUBCOMMISSION ON PRE-
VENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES

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1. THE WORKING GROUP (WG) ON COMMUNICATIONS OF THE SUB-COMM-
MISSION HAS VOTED TO ELEVATE COMPLAINTS ALLEGING HUMAN RIGHTS
VIOLATIONS AGAINST SIX COUNTRIES. THESE COMMUNICATIONS RELATE
TO: CHILE, ETHIOPIA, INDONESIA, PARAGUAY, UGANDA AND URUGUAY.

2. THE CHILE CASES WERE COMMUNICATIONS NUMBERED 76/96/10,615-
10,621, 77/4/4,835 AND 77/6/6786-6810. THE WG TOOK ITS DE-
CISION THREE TO TWO WITH THE MAJORITY BELIEVING THE COMMUNICA-
TIONS FULFILLED THE ADMISSIBILITY CRITERIA AND THAT THEY BE
BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CHILE AD HOC WORKING GROUP.
THE TWO DISSENTING MEMBERS CONCURRED WITH PASSING THE COM-
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PLAINT TO THE CHILE AD HOC GROUP BUT FELT THE COMMUNICATIONS
DID NOT FULFILL THE ADMISSIBILITY CRITERIA. (FYI: THERE WERE
A NUMBER OF RPEPLIES THIS YEAR FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE).

3. ETHIOPIA (COMM. NO. 77/6/6464) WAS CITED BY FOUR TO ONE;
INDONESIA (NO. 77/6/7241), THRE TO TWO, NOTWITHSTANDING THE
GOVERNMENT REPLY; PARAGUAY (NO. 77/6/6414), UNANIMOUSLY;

UGANDA, (NOS. 77/5/5710 AND 77/6/6477), FOUR TO ONE; URUGUAY (NOS. 76/97/12,511, 77/3/3914 AND 77/4/4737), UNANIMOUSLY.

4. THE INDONESIAN CASE WAS EXPLAINED WELL BY THE GOVERNMENT REPLY BUT THE MAJORITY HAD PROBLEMS WITH THE TARGET DATE OF 1979 FOR RESOLVING THE VIOLATIONS AND THE "TRANSMIGRATION" PROPOSAL FOR REASSIGNING DETAINEES TO SELECTED (AND DISTANT) AGRICULTURAL AREAS.

5. AN EXCELLENT CASE AGAINST ARGENTINA (NO. 77/6/7240 AND OTHERS) WAS MADE BY AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, BUT LOST TWO TO THREE. THE MASSIVE GUINEA COMMUNICATION (NO. 77/6/6472), A 330-PAGE INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT, ALSO FAILED ELEVATION. STATEMENTS BY FOREIGN NATIONALS AND THE ASSOCIATION OF THOSE DETAINED WITH THE ABORTIVE INVASION ATTEMPT OF GUINEA DETRACTED FROM THE PRESENTATION.

6. COMMUNICATIONS RELATING TO BOLIVIA, GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, AND CAMBODIA (KAMPUCHEA), WERE ALSO RECOMMENDED FOR ELEVATION BY INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS BUT FAILED TO BE SUPPORTED BY A MAJORITY OF THE WG. ROMANIA, ON THE OTHER HAND, WAS COMMENDED FOR THE REGULARITY OF ITS OFFICIAL REPLIES TO COMMUNICATIONS NOTICES FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL.

7. A COPY OF THE CONFIDENTIAL WG REPORT IS BEING POUCHED TO WARREN HEWITT IN IO. THE INFORMATION IN THIS CABLE AND IN CONFIDENTIAL

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THE POUCHED REPORT IS FOR "SUB-COMMISSION PARTICIPANTS ONLY" AND AMBASSADOR CARTER REQUESTS THAT THIS CONFIDENTIALITY BE RESPECTED AND OBSERVED BY USG OFFICIALS. VANDEN HEUVEL

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